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JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY

The **Kentucky** cattle and calf inventory for January 1, 2021 was estimated at 2.09 million head according to the Kentucky Field Office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Total inventory was down 20,000 head from last year.

Cows and heifers that have calved were estimated at 1.03 million head, down 40,000 head from the 1.07 million for 2020. Beef cow inventory was estimated at 983,000 head and milk cows were estimated at 47,000 head.

Heifers 500 lbs. and over were estimated at 295,000 head, up 20,000 from last year's estimate. Beef replacement heifers totaled 135,000 head, up 10,000 from January 2020. Dairy heifers, at 40,000 head, were unchanged from 2020. Other heifers, at 120,000 head, were up 10,000 from the previous year. Steers 500 lbs. and over numbered 225,000 head, up 10,000 from 2020. Bulls 500 lbs. and over were down 5,000 head from a year ago and numbered 65,000 head. Calves less than 500 lbs. were estimated at 475,000 head, down 5,000 from the 2020 estimate. Cattle on feed were estimated at 19,000 head, up 2,000 from the previous year.

The 2020 calf crop was estimated at 950,000 head, down 30,000 from the previous year's estimate.

All cattle and calves in the **United States** as of January 1, 2021 totaled 93.6 million head, slightly below the 93.8 million head on January 1, 2020. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.6 million head, were slightly below the 40.7 million head on January 1, 2020. Beef cows, at 31.2 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.44 million head, were up 1 percent from the previous year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2021 totaled 20.0 million head, slightly below January 1, 2020. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.81 million head, were up slightly from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.60 million head, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.58 million head, were 1 percent above a year earlier. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2021 totaled 16.6 million head, up slightly from January 1, 2020. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2021 totaled 2.21 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2020. Calves under 500 pounds as of January 1, 2021 totaled 14.2 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2020.

The 2020 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 35.1 million head, down 1 percent from the previous year's calf crop.